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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 03089 ADDED)

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN FROM SECRETARY VANCE:
2. BEGIN TEXT:
3. DEAR DAVID: I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR AGREEMENT LAST NIGHT TO STAY WITH THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT.
4. MWALE, MUGABE AND SALIM PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON THIS SENTENCE IN OUR MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AND IT WILL HELP TO MAINTAIN THEIR CRUCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS. THEIR CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED EVEN MORE STRONGLY, AS YOU WILL HAVE HEARD, BY MKAPA IN HIS MEETING WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVES THIS MORNING IN DAR.
5. I BELIEVE WE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN LAGOS. AS SAM FALLE WILL HAVE REPORTED TO YOU, THE FRONT LINE AND NIGERIANS WERE VERY FLAT IN THEIR ASSURANCES THAT NKOMO AND MUGABE WILL PUBLICLY ACCEPT A CALL FOR AN ALL PARTIES MEETING AND THEY ARE ALSO ON BOARD NOW WITH REGARD TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. SALIM NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL WISH TO DISCUSS MORE ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN FURTHER.
6. EVEN IF THE FRONT LINE RECEIVED LESS IN THE WAY OF SPECIFIC ASSURANCES FROM THE PATRIOTIC FRONT THAN THEY WISH TO BELIEVE--AND I SUSPECT THIS IS THE CASE-- THEY ARE GOING VERY FAR IN COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO US TO PRODUCING NKOMO'S AND MUGABE'S COOPERATION. THIS PROVIDES AN AVENUE FOR PROGRESS WE SHOULD DO WHAT WE CAN TO PURSUE, BY WORKING WITH THEM AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE.

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7. HENCE MY GREAT APPRECIATION FOR WHAT YOU DID LAST NIGHT.
8. I HAVE IN MIND ALSO, OF COURSE, THE IMPORTANCE OF BRINGING ALONG THE SALISBURY PARTIES. I WAS THEREFORE VERY CLEAR WITH THE FRONT LINE REPRESENTATIVES THAT DISCUSSIONS IN AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING COULD NOT BE CONFINED SOLELY TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THEM. THEY SEEMED TO ACCEPT MY ARGUMENTS IN THIS REGARD,

AFTER SHOWING AN INITIAL APPREHENSION THAT WE MIGHT
PUT THIS POINT IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

9. MY STAFF AND I ENJOYED WORKING WITH SAM FALLE. YOU HAVE
A PARTICULARLY ABLE AND ARTICULATE REPRESENTATIVE IN LAGOS.

10. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN DAR ON THE 14TH.

WARM REGARDS,CY.

11. END TEXT.

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